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OVERSEA TRADE

SOUTH AUSTRALIA

1961-62

SCOPE

This bulletin shows direct trade between oversea countries and South Australia. The 1961-62 figures are preliminary and subject to revision.

INTERSTATE TRADE AND OVERSEA TRADE VIA OTHER STATES IS EXCLUDED.

VALUE of exports is expressed £A f.o.b. or its equivalent at port of shipment; value of imports is "transaction value" £A f.o.b. or "domestic value" £A f.o.b. at port of shipment, whichever is the greater.

QUANTITIES are tabulated only in respect of exports for which there is an appropriate unit of quantity.

EXPORTS
TO OVERSEA
COUNTRIES

The United Kingdom is the principal country to which goods are exported. Exports to the United Kingdom increased from £27.1 million in 1949-50 to a peak of £55.5 million (45.1 per cent of total exports) in 1952-53. Since then the proportion of exports shipped to the United Kingdom has declined generally to 25.5 per cent of total value in 1961-62.

Exports to other countries show considerable variation from year to year, but four countries - Japan, United States of America, France, and New Zealand - have taken over 30 per cent of South Australian exports in recent years. In 1961-62 the respective proportions of total exports shipped to these countries were 14.7 per cent, 8.5 per cent, 5.0 per cent, and 4.1 per cent.

TABLE 1 - VALUE OF EXPORTS TO PRINCIPAL COUNTRIES : SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Country of Consignment	1957-58	1958-59	1959-60	1960-61	1961–62			
	€1000							
United Kingdom India, Republic of New Zealand Belgium and Luxembourg China, Republic of - Mainland France Germany, Federal Republic of Italy Japan Netherlands United States of America	31,254 1,406 7,790 4,703 1,859 8,665 3,122 3,899 11,138 1,491 9,244	31,474 961 7,103 3,409 970 6,288 3,494 2,138 11,978 2,312 7,687	28,836 1,091 3,861 2,558 1,328 7,085 5,077 2,643 11,601 1,456 7,108	26,734 1,333 5,431 2,187 7,446 5,747 3,400 3,123 17,572 1,686 4,567	31,150 2,785 5,006 2,945 6,440 6,103 6,641 5,473 17,909 2,783 10,354			
TOTAL (including other)	99,882	90,916	90,826	99,279	121,987			

VOLUME OF OVERSEA EXPORTS The following table shows the quantities of selected items of exports for each of the last five years.

Preliminary figures indicate that an all time record quantity of 172.3 million lb. of wool was exported in 1961-62. However, even though this was 75.5 per cent greater than the quantity exported in 1950-51, the value of wool exported was 24.4 per cent less than the record of £54.9 million attained in that year.

During 1961-62 exports of barley reached a record of 24.8 million bushels and wheat exports totalled 30.1 million bushels, the highest figure since 1932-33.

TABLE 2 - QUANTITIES OF PRINCIPAL COMMODITIES EXPORTED : SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Principal Commodities	Unit	1957-58	1958-59	1959-60	1960-61	1961-62	
Foodstuffs, Alcoholic Liquors, Tobacco		1000					
Butter	1b.	968 5,800				465 15,706	
Cheese Flour (inc. Semolina)	ton	57	54				
Fruit, Dried - Currants	1b.	8,037		5,171			
Raisins Other	lb.	22,167		14,802			
Fresh - Apples	case	353					
Preserved and Pulped	1b.	13,099	9,543	16,745			
Grain - Barley Oats	bush.	17,592 454			22,427		
Wheat	bush.	14,749	14,386	11,161	23,911	30,149	
Meat - Lamb	1b.	16,732		12,145			
Peas (inc. Split Peas) Spirituous Liquors	cental pf gal.	68					
Wine	gal.	1,401			The state of the s		
Animal and Vegetable Substances (not Foodstuffs)							
Tallow	cwt.			147			
Wool - Greasy Other	lb.	117,256	132,347	132,704	133,261	14,326	
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Minerals, Metals, & Metal Manufactures Minerals -							
Gypsum	cwt	1,407	1,097	1,393	1,585	1,535	
Concentrates and Ores - Copper	cwt	309	82	425	487	570	
Lead and Silver-lead	cwt	1,025	1		945	909	
Zinc	cwt	5,089	3,922	3,321	4,634	4,009	
Metals & Metal Manufactures Iron and Steel Scrap	cwt	433	516	441	442	427	
Lead (Pig)	cwt	3,260	2,847	2,422	2,537	3,652	
Silver (Bars, Ingots)	fine oz	2,894	3,276	3,201	1,570	615	

VALUE OF OVERSEA EXPORTS Table 3 shows values of principal commodities exported and Table 4 shows values of exports according to commodity groups.

As shown in Table 4 about 90 per cent of the value of exports comes from the Agricultural, Pastoral, and Mining groups. The commodities of greatest value in each group are: Agricultural - wheat, barley, and flour; Pastoral - wool, sheep-skins, and meat; Mining - lead, zinc, and silver.

The main variations in the value per unit of quantity of these commodities during the five years under review have been as follows:— The average value of barley was 9s. 9d. per bushel in 1957-58, increased to 11s. 6d. in 1958-59, decreased over the next two years to 8s. 7d., and increased to 9s. 6d. in 1961-62. Greasy wool has varied between 5s. 4d. and 4s. 1d. per lb., increasing from 4s. 4d. per lb. in 1960-61 to 4s. 7d. in 1961-62. The average value of lead (pig) has declined from £4.16.0. per cwt in 1957-58 to £3.13.0. in 1961-62. Zinc concentrates and ores dropped from 14s. 4d. per cwt in 1957-58 to 9s. 9d. in 1958-59, but increased to 13s. 2d. in 1959-60 and rose to 16s. 6d in 1960-61 and 18s. Od. in 1961-62.

TABLE 3 - VALUE OF PRINCIPAL COMMODITIES EXPORTED (a) : SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Principal Commodities	1957-58	1958-59	1959-60	1960-61	1961-62	
	£1000					
Foodstuffs, Alcoholic Liquors, Tobacco Butter Cheese Fish (inc. Crayfish) Flour (inc. Semolina) Fruit, Dried - Currants Raisins Other Fresh - Apples Other Juices and Syrups Preserved and Pulped Grain - Barley Oats Wheat Honey Meat - Lamb Other Page (inc. Split Boog)	108 297 302 1,748 429 1,410 139 594 111 68 878 8,591 119 10,686 182 1,663 1,339	160 1,112 392 1,682 488 1,601 362 414 359 151 599 10,202 642 10,146 49 2,144 1,650	91 987 239 1,684 317 1,065 540 557 523 81 1,001 6,126 7 7,830 102 895 1,678	80 956 159 2,028 359 940 526 362 363 79 882 9,609 116 16,271 130 689 813	58 1,257 435 2,491 306 944 529 555 314 29 1,282 11,711 349 21,419 136 394 1,271	
Peas (inc. Split Peas) Spirituous Liquors Wine Animal and Vegetable Substances	180	341	67	149	122	
	148	126	147	128	161	
	906	1,073	1,182	1,197	1,264	
(not Foodstuffs) Hides and Skins Tallow Wool - Greasy Other	3,831	2,511	3,841	2,911	3,137	
	612	564	481	427	482	
	31,260	27,233	32,301	28,821	36,452	
	5,281	4,370	5,114	3,343	5,101	
Minerals, Metals, & Metal Manufactures Minerals - Gypsum Concentrates and Ores -	147	117	193	216	230	
Copper Lead and Silver-lead Zinc Metals and Metal Manufactures -	889	298	1,408	1,631	1,937	
	3,080	2,832	2,317	2,670	2,567	
	3,666	1,927	2,191	3,784	3,615	
Cadmium Iron and Steel Scrap Lead (Pig) Machinery and Vehicles Silver (Bars, Ingots) Other Metals & Metal Manufactures	130	83	111	54	57	
	492	372	392	368	351	
	15,703	12,438	10,841	10,499	13,339	
	1,323	940	2,300	2,872	2,254	
	1,136	1,293	1,307	641	257	
	728	657	1,124	2,955	3,639	
Miscellaneous Paint, Drugs, Chemicals, Plastics Salt All Other	155	56	95	228	154	
	141	133	124	165	370	
	1,410	1,399	1,567	1,858	3,018	
TOTAL EXPORTS	99,882	90,916	90,826	99,279	121,987	

⁽a) The values of export items include the values of outside packages (containers and crates).

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TABLE 4 - VALUE OF EXPORTS : COMMODITY GROUPS, SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Commodity Group	1957-58	1958-59	1959-60	1960-61	1961-62
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Agricultural	21,488	23,352	16,022	28,649	36,699
Pastoral and Dairying	45,041	39,906	45,525	38,302	48,280
Orchards, Vineyards, Gardens	4,615	5,124	5,284	4,748	5,372
Mining	25,124	19,341	19,042	22,102	25,699
Manufacturing & Miscellaneous	3,614	3,193	4,953	5,478	5,937
TOTAL	99,882	90,916	90,826	99,279	121,987
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SOURCE OF OVERSEA IMPORTS The United Kingdom is the main supplier of goods imported into South Australia. Since 1949-50 the value of direct imports from the United Kingdom has varied between £16.4 million and £36.4 million while the proportion has fluctuated between 31.7 per cent and 52.2 per cent of total imports, decreasing from 43.9 per cent in 1959-60 to 32.7 per

cent in 1960-61 and 31.7 per cent in 1961-62.

In 1961-62 the United Kingdom supplied 31.7 per cent of total imports, United States of America 21.7 per cent, India 3.3 per cent, and Canada 6.0 per cent, and in each of the last six years these countries were the source of about two-thirds of total imports.

TABLE 5 - VALUE OF IMPORTS FROM PRINCIPAL COUNTRIES : SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Country of Origin	1957-58 (a)	1958-59	1959–60	1960–61	1961–62		
	€1000						
United Kingdom Canada India, Republic of Pakistan Germany, Federal Republic of Indonesia Japan Netherlands Sweden United States of America	21,394 2,251 3,351 10 2,105 1,030 855 1,330 815 5,496	49,037 3,068 2,598 460 1,717 1,369 1,157 1,803 .716 5,203	26,180 3,438 1,614 487 2,596 1,627 1,603 2,065 770 7,243	23, 267 4, 677 3, 617 1, 150 2, 817 1, 290 3, 823 2, 579 891 12, 542	16,400 3,086 1,710 1,904 2,521 1,262 1,684 1,279 1,435 11,240		
TOTAL (including other)	47,103	45,346	59,747	71,382	51,705		

(a) Value of outside packages (£882,000) is included in total but not allocated to individual countries as in following years.

VALUE OF OVERSEA IMPORTS Since 1949-50 the value of imports into South Australia has varied between £45 million and £71 million annually except for 1951-52, when it reached £93 million. The changes in totals have been influenced mainly by two groups of commodities:-

- (1) Metals and Metal Manufactures, which comprises nearly half of all imports. The most variable commodities in this group are Motor Vehicles and Iron and Steel.
- (2) Oils, Fats, and Waxes. The value of direct imports of this group, which includes Petrol, Kerosene, and Diesel Oil, fell steadily from £8.5 million in 1953-54 to £2.9 million in 1957-58; it has since risen to £3.3 million in 1961-62. The current low level of South Australia's direct overseas imports of these items is largely the result of obtaining supplies from other Australian States in which oil refineries are located. Imports of petrol, kerosene, and diesel oil, from Western Australia (the only State for which figures are available) increased from £5,000 in 1953-54 to £9.1 million in 1957-58. In 1959-60 the figure was £8.5 million and in 1960-61 it was £7.2 million.

The proportions which principal items bear to total imports have not changed greatly since before the war. Apart from the variations in Oils, Fats, and Waxes, one of the most marked fluctuations has occurred in the Vehicles group, which accounted for 7.4 per cent of total imports in 1938-39, 13.8 per cent in 1960-61, and 12.5 per cent in 1961-62.

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TABLE 6 - VALUE OF PRINCIPAL COMMODITIES IMPORTED (a) : SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Principal Commodities	1957-58	1958-59	1959-60	1960-61	1961-62
Foodstuffs, Alcoholic Liquors, Tobacco					
Cocoa, Coffee, and Chicory	139	153	136	152	154
Fish (all kinds) Tea	356	334	497	584	550
Tobacco and Cigarettes	593 58	773 52	627	583 89	567
Whisky	43	59	68	77	88
Animal and Vegetable Substances					
(not Foodstuffs)					
Apparel and Attire Bags and Sacks	340	317	338	473	258
Fibres - Vegetable	2,045	2,026	1,112	3,705	2,772
Paper, Paper Pulp, and Paper Board	1,269	1,190	1,090	1,348	1,263
Rubber and Rubber Goods	582	514	782	853	1,595
Stationery and Books	814	1,005	1,141	1,310	1,419
Textiles and Piecegoods	3,156	2,818	3,201	3,657	2,773
Timber Yarns	2,677	2,067	2,828	3,603	2,100
Dainte Description	139	124	140	101	101
Paints, Drugs, Chemicals, Plastics Drugs, Chemicals, and Medicines	0.043	4 (00	1 160		
Fertilizers	2,213	1,600	1,462	1,685 762	1,435
Paints, Varnishes, and Pigments	458	207	235	294	204
Plastic Materials, Fibres, and Yarns	666	556	1,086	1,126	899
Minerals, Metals, and Metal Manufactures					
Cutlery and Platedware	137	107	107	116	72
Electrical Equipment	2,554	3,204	4,713	4,235	3,032
Iron and Steel	2,544	1,991	2,335	6,891	1,629
Machines and Machinery - Dynamo Electrical	453	540	560	700	(0.
Other	453 7,362	542 6,718	562 9,481	720	681 8,986
Non-ferrous Metals	258	211	320	578	356
Vehicles -					3,0
Aircraft and Parts	369	300	438	152	209
Motor Vehicles and Parts Motor Cycles, Cycles and Parts	4,409	5, 192	8,505	8,741	5,918
Other Vehicles and Parts	266 411	215 182	264	286	150
Wire	162	143	150 214	699 577	198 154
Other Metals & Metal Manufactures	1,470	1,460	1,892	2,179	2,006
Dils, Fats, Waxes					
Petrol	953	1,434	1,683	2,014	1,661
Kerosene	598	496	662	574	337
Lubricating Oil (Mineral) Other	545 771	525 658	572 669	578 654	558
Miscellaneous	111	0,0	009	0)4	780
Arms, Ammunition, Explosives	95	90	400	450	00
Earthenware - Ceramic Tiles	85 100	82 102	123 183	156 185	89 165
Household Ware	413	376	360	328	272
Glass and Glassware	1,032	1,192	1,280	1,287	810
Instruments - Musical	69	61	78	114	76
Scientific Jewellery and Timepieces	186	241	267	299	271
Outside Packages (a)	144 882	183	196	239	346
All Other	2,956	910 2,813	1,260 5,639	1,417 4,143	1,090
TOTAL IMPORTS	47,103	45,346	59,747	71,382	51,705

⁽a) The value of outside packages is recorded as a separate item.

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